

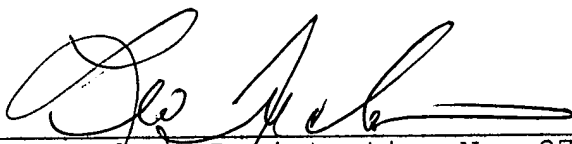
9. The method of claim 5, including defining each backup path in the network to be link disjoint from its corresponding active path.

10. The method of claim 5, including defining each backup path in the network to be node disjoint from its corresponding active path. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are now pending in the application. An early examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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